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Sir:

ELECTION UNDER 35 USC §121

In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2006 (for which a one-month extension of time is hereby sought) holding the subject matter of claims 6-19 to be non-obvious and patentably distinct from that of claims 1-5, Applicant(s) hereby elect the invention of Group II, (upon which claims 1-5 are readable) for further substantive examination.

This election is made without traverse. However, since a restriction requirement is never proper unless the restricted group of claims is patentably distinct (i.e., inter alia, non-obvious under 35 USC §103) from the elected group of claims, the Examiner is requested to insure that such patentable distinctness is present before proceeding to make the requirement final.

It is respectfully requested that the non-elected claims be retained for use with a possible divisional application.

Respectfully submitted,

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